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ABSTRACT

This book presents, in a question-and-answer format, a comprehensive guide to special education law, especially the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Following a table of questions and suggestions on using the book, individual chapters cover law on the following topics: (1) eligibility (e.g., under IDEA and other laws, specific categories under IDEA, age limitations); (2) evaluations (referral, preplacement evaluations, reevaluation, and independent evaluations); (3) free appropriate public education (FAPE) (definitions, extended programming, transition services); (4) individualized education programs (IEP) (IEP development, contents, and implementation); (5) placement (placement decisions, inclusion, and placement of preschool age children); (6) related services (health care, counseling, transportation, assistive technology); (7) procedural safeguards (parental notification, consent, education records); (8) due process hearings and appeals (mediation, timelines, administrative review); (9) financial responsibility (IDEA funding, FAPE funding, funding of residential placements); (10) private school students (applicability of disability laws, public placement in private schools, parental placement); (11) discipline (in-school discipline, suspensions and expulsions); (12) judicial actions and remedies (pre-hearing issues, judicial review of civil actions); and (13) attorneys' fees (prevailing party status and calculation of fees). Tables list regulations, statute cross-references, and cases. (DB)

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